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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to an Office Action of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailed on May 1, 2006, please amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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